

Nevada Division of Forestry

News Release



State Forester To Attend National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony

State Forester Steve Robinson will attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Saturday, October 7, joining President and Mrs. George W. Bush in honoring firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Robinson, who is a member of the Board of Directors and the former executive director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, will represent Governor Kenny Guinn and the State of Nevada at the memorial.

“The participation of President Bush in leading these ceremonies pays high tribute to the men and women of the fire service who have died in the line of duty while protecting their communities,” Robinson said. “The President’s support is a source of inspiration and strength to the families of the firefighters, as well as their co-workers across the country.”

The outdoor service on the site of the National Fallen Firefighters monument will honor 101 firefighters from 38 states and Puerto Rico whose names will be added to the monument. Their families, co-workers and firefighters from across the nation will participate in the traditional ceremony and other activities that are part of the memorial weekend, including grief counseling seminars on Saturday.

Robinson said a banner with the words “Prayers From Nevada,” signed by hundreds of firefighters and people from throughout Western Nevada, has been sent to Emmitsburg by the East Fork Fire Protection District and will be displayed during the services. Afterwards, the banner will be sent to New York City.

This year’s memorial service and a candlelight ceremony on Saturday evening will pay special tribute to the more than 300 New York City firefighters who were killed at the World Trade Center. Their names, and the names of others who died in the line of duty this year, will be added to the monument at next year’s ceremony.

Sunday’s program will include a private service for the families in the Fallen Firefighters Chapel, followed by a public service. Thousands are expected to attend the ceremony, which will be televised nationally via satellite, enabling fire departments across the country to view the national tribute. Many will hold ceremonies of their own and observe a moment of silence at noon, followed by the sounding of sirens and the tolling of bells.

Ceremonies will be held at the Nevada Firefighters Memorial in Carson City Saturday, October 13, to honor firefighters across the nation who have given their lives in the line of duty this year.

The memorial ceremonies will not include placing names of Nevada firefighters who have died in the line of duty on the memorial wall this year, but will focus on the firefighters who died in the World Trade Center attack and in other actions across the country this year.

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